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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

- 1           1. (Currently Amended) A shock force indicating device
- 2    comprising:
- 3           a base member having a substantially flat top surface;
- 4           a top member having a raised portion disposed in spaced relation
- 5    above said base member forming a cavity between said top member and
- 6    said base member;
- 7           a bearing disposed within said cavity; and
- 8           a pressure sensitive material disposed on said base member;
- 9           wherein movement of said bearing over said pressure sensitive
- 10   material produces a visually identifiable path on said pressure sensitive
- 11   material tracing movement of said bearing when said bearing moves in
- 12   response to a shock force on said device;
- 13           wherein said base member and said top member provide a
- 14   compressive force to said bearing such that said bearing is held in place
- 15   until said device is subjected to a shock force greater than a
- 16   predetermined threshold.

2. (Cancelled)

- 1           3. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to claim
- 2    1, wherein a bottom surface of said base member comprises an adhesive
- 3    backing.

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1           4. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to claim  
2 1, wherein said bearing has an initial starting position which is  
3 substantially centered within a plane of said base member within said  
4 device between said base member and said top member.

1           5. (Currently Amended) The shock force indicating device  
2 according to claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein said top member has a substantially flat  
3 top portion.

1           6. (Currently Amended) The shock force indicating device  
2 according to claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein said top member is dome-shaped.

1           7. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A shock force indicating device  
2 ~~according to claim 1, comprising:~~  
3           a base member having a substantially flat top surface;  
4           a top member having a raised portion disposed in spaced relation  
5 above said base member forming a cavity between said top member and  
6 said base member;  
7           a bearing disposed within said cavity; and  
8           a pressure sensitive material disposed on said base member;  
9           wherein movement of said bearing over said pressure sensitive  
10 material produces a visually identifiable path on said pressure sensitive  
11 material tracing movement of said bearing when said bearing moves in  
12 response to a shock force on said device;  
13           wherein said bearing is disposed within an indentation in said base  
14 member under an initial condition, said bearing traveling out of the  
15 indentation when said device is subjected to a sufficient shock force.

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1           8. (Currently Amended) The A shock force indicating device  
2 ~~according to claim 1, further comprising:~~  
3           a base member having a substantially flat top surface;  
4           a top member having a raised portion disposed in spaced relation  
5 above said base member forming a cavity between said top member and  
6 said base member;  
7           a bearing disposed within said cavity; and  
8           a pressure sensitive material disposed on said base member;  
9           wherein movement of said bearing over said pressure sensitive  
10 material produces a visually identifiable path on said pressure sensitive  
11 material tracing movement of said bearing when said bearing moves in  
12 response to a shock force on said device;  
13           a spring, one end of said spring being connected to the base  
14 member at a substantially centered location on the top surface of said  
15 base member, an other end of said spring being connected to said  
16 bearing, said spring adapted to allow a predetermined amount of  
17 movement of said bearing when said device is subjected to a shock force  
18 of a particular magnitude.

1           9. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to claim  
2 8, wherein said bearing and said spring are formed from a single piece of  
3 an elastic material.

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1           10. (Currently Amended) The A shock force indicating device  
2 ~~according to claim 1, further comprising:~~  
3           a base member having a substantially flat top surface;  
4           a top member having a raised portion disposed in spaced relation  
5 above said base member forming a cavity between said top member and  
6 said base member;  
7           a bearing disposed within said cavity; and  
8           a pressure sensitive material disposed on said base member;  
9           wherein movement of said bearing over said pressure sensitive  
10 material produces a visually identifiable path on said pressure sensitive  
11 material tracing movement of said bearing when said bearing moves in  
12 response to a shock force on said device;  
13           an elastic member, one end of said elastic member being connected  
14 to said base member at a substantially centered location on the top  
15 surface of said base member, an other end of said elastic member being  
16 connected to said bearing, said elastic member adapted to extend to  
17 allow movement of said bearing when said device is subjected to a shock  
18 force of a particular magnitude.

1           11. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said pressure sensitive material is pressure sensitive  
3 paper.

1           12. (Currently Amended) The shock force indicating device  
2 according to ~~claim 11~~ claim 11, wherein said pressure sensitive paper is  
3 carbon paper.

1           13. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said top member is substantially transparent.

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1           14. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said base member comprises indicating marks  
3 representing a scale with which to measure a component of a shock force  
4 on said device.

1           15. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to  
2 claim 14, wherein said indicating marks are substantially concentric  
3 circles.

1           16. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said device has a substantially circular perimeter.

17. (Cancelled)

1           18. (Currently Amended) A shock force indicating device  
2 comprising:  
3           a base member having a substantially flat top surface;  
4           a top member having a raised portion disposed in spaced relation  
5 above said base member forming a cavity between said top member and  
6 said base member; and  
7           a bearing disposed within said cavity;  
8           wherein said bearing is formed of a material capable of visually  
9 marking said base member such that said bearing traces a path which has  
10 a length corresponding to a base component of a force applied on said  
11 device;  
12           wherein said base member and said top member provide a  
13 compressive force to said bearing such that said bearing is held in place  
14 unless said device is subjected to a shock force greater than a  
15 predetermined threshold.

19. (Cancelled)

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1           20. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ shock force indicating device  
2 ~~according to claim 18, further comprising:~~  
3           a base member having a substantially flat top surface;  
4           a top member having a raised portion disposed in spaced relation  
5 above said base member forming a cavity between said top member and  
6 said base member;  
7           a bearing disposed within said cavity; and  
8           a spring, one end of said spring being connected to the base  
9 member at a substantially centered location on the top surface of said  
10 base member, an other end of said spring being connected to said  
11 bearing, said spring adapted to allow a predetermined amount of  
12 movement of said bearing when said device is subjected to a shock force  
13 of a particular magnitude;  
14           wherein said bearing is formed of a material capable of visually  
15 marking said base member such that said bearing traces a path which has  
16 a length corresponding to a base component of a force applied on said  
17 device.

1           21. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to  
2 claim 20, wherein said bearing and said spring are formed from a single  
3 piece of an elastic material.

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1        22. (Currently Amended) The A shock force indicating device  
2 ~~according to claim 18, further~~ comprising:  
3        a base member having a substantially flat top surface;  
4        a top member having a raised portion disposed in spaced relation  
5 above said base member forming a cavity between said top member and  
6 said base member;  
7        a bearing disposed within said cavity; and  
8        an elastic member, one end of said elastic member being connected  
9 to the base member at a substantially centered location on the top  
10 surface of said base member, an other end of said elastic member being  
11 connected to said bearing, said elastic member adapted to extend to  
12 allow movement of said bearing when said device is subjected to a shock  
13 force of a particular magnitude;  
14        wherein said bearing is formed of a material capable of visually  
15 marking said base member such that said bearing traces a path which has  
16 a length corresponding to a base component of a force applied on said  
17 device.

1        23. (Original) The shock force indicating device according to  
2 claim 18, wherein the base member has indicating marks representing a  
3 scale with which to measure a component of a shock force on said  
4 device.

24. through 32. (Cancelled)

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Please add the following new claims:

1        33. (New) A shock force indicating device comprising:  
2        a base member having a top surface;  
3        a top member having a raised portion disposed in spaced relation  
4 above said base member forming a cavity between said top member and  
5 said base member;  
6        a bearing disposed within said cavity; and  
7        a pressure sensitive material disposed on the top surface of said  
8 base member such that movement of said bearing over said pressure  
9 sensitive material produces a visually identifiable path on said pressure  
10 sensitive material tracing movement of said bearing when said bearing  
11 moves in response to a shock force on said device;  
12        wherein said top member has a concave lower surface such that a  
13 distance between the top surface of said base member and the concave  
14 lower surface of said top member decreases in a radially outward  
15 direction from a substantially centered position on the top surface of  
16 said base member so that movement of said bearing outwardly from a  
17 substantially centered position on said base member requires  
18 progressively greater shock force on said device.

1        34. (New) The shock force recording device according to claim 33  
2 wherein said distance between the top surface of said base member and  
3 the lower surface of said top member at said substantially centered  
4 position is substantially equal to a diameter of said bearing.